

**PATENT**

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Applicant: Robert Parlee **Confirmation No.:** 5824

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Title: *Techniques for making carbon fiber bicycle frames*

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The interview of 4/3/2008 in the above application

A final rejection in the second RCE in the above patent application was mailed by now-retired Examiner Kuhns on 11/26/2007. The claims are addressed to "a method of making a lug for a joint that joins carbon fiber tubes". There were two issues in the final rejection: whether the claim language "a mold having abutting parting planes" describes Applicant's molds and whether the combination of U.S. patent 5,019,312, Bishop, *Method for assembling a bicycle frame*, issued May 28, 1991, henceforth "Bishop", with U.S. Patent 4,986,949, Trimble, *Method of making composite bicycle frames*, issued January 22, 1991, henceforth "Trimble", renders Applicant's claimed technique obvious. In combining Bishop with Trimble, Examiner Kuhns relied on Bishop for the "expandable element" of the claim and Trimble for what Applicant terms in the following a "closable mold". Applicant requested an interview from Examiner Wollschlager, the new Examiner in the application, and Examiner Wollschlager graciously granted the interview. No agreement was reached in the interview; however, Applicant has found the interview useful in amending his claims in this Submission in a third RCE. As will be demonstrated in the following, the claims as amended are patentable over the Bishop and Trimble references.

Please amend the claims as follows: